Monthly Crop Report.

The Michigan crop report for February is out. For this report returns have been received from 8.9 correspondents, representing 67+ townships Eix hundred and twenty-five are from 425 townships in the southern four tiers of counties, and 145 from 130 townships in the central counties. Wheat suffered no mjury in January the ground throughout the state having been well covered with snow during the high knots and other equally exposed places are of course exceptions to this statement. The snow in the southern counties on Feb. 1 averaged in the open level fields eight inches in depth; in the Central counties 14 inches, and the northcounties of means.

In point of condition farm animals are not quite up to a juil average.

Reports have been received of the quantity of wheat marketed by farmers during the month of annuary at 25 elevators and mids. Of these 25 are in the southand mais. Of these 25 are in the southfra four tiers of counties, which is -2 per
fent of the whole number of these sections
respectively. The fotal number of bushels reporte, marketed is 543, 50, of which
is 3 business were marketed in the first
of southern tiers of counties, 185,24 bushels in the second tier 11,252 bushess in the
third tier, 14,45 bushes in the fourth
tier, 44,55 bushes in the fifth and sixth
tiers and of bushes in the other counties.
At 3 clessafors and miles of 15 per cent of
the whole number from which reports
have been received, there was no wheat
marketed during the mouth. The total
num er of bushes of wheat reported
marketed in the six months from August
to January is 0.43,75, or about 8 per cent
of the crop of 15. The number of bushds reported in marketed in the same month
of 185-7, was 8,65,60, or 25 per cent o. off 185-7, was \$135,00% or 35 per cent of the crop of took. In 1856-7 reports were received from about 55 per cent, and in 1856-8 from about 47 per cent of the ele-vators and mills in the southern four tiers off counties.

Seymour Steeted.

The election in the Eleventh congres sonal district on the 14th inst, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of hepre sentative Seta C. Monatt, resulted in the election of Henry W. Soymour, the republican can lulate. The contest was very close. The democratic and labor nominess Bartly areca, made a speciality areca,

WOLVERING WHISPERINGS.

An effort is making to organize a stock sompany for the purpose of utilizing the inextinue supply of fire clay found quar Grand Ledge. It has been tested and found to be No. I for the manufacture of the and brice. Ten thousand dollars are needed to start the enterprise, of which \$3,570 have already been subscribed, with oright prospects of getting the remainder.

Frank C. nogardus of a pailants has resigned his position as postoffice inspector. numored that ex-congressman W. C. Maybury of Detroit has been offered a United States judgeship. Hon. Geo. L. Yapis of Mendon, who has

been seriously ill from nervous prostration, is slowly recovering.

littisdale county farmers have been buy ing corn for several weeks.

conator and Mrs. Palmer gave a recen tion to Postmaster-General and Mrs. Dickin on, the other night. It is prosounced one of the most brilliant affairs of the season.

Congressman Tarsney is quite ill in a Washington hospital. Ignatz Fround of Detroit, wants to be

appointed to a consulate in South Am-Tae population of Jackson prison Feb.

was ret.

(The "Grand Rapids National Building and Loun Association" will soon be incorporated with a capital of \$5,000,000. Said that extensive timber stealing i-

going on in Antrim, Emmet and Cheboy gan counties. A republican club of 200 members has

been organized in cast Saginaw.

Notion Hows of Hartford who we under arrest for arson, has been discharge ed from custody, he proving a conclusive alibi, having been in Grand Rapids at the time the fire occurred. Every one is gratified.

The Wolverine club, a state organization of prohibitionists, held a meeting in Detroit cet. . J. L. Hudson was elected president, Capt. A. N. Molfat secretary, Anron C. Fisher treasurer, and D. A. Saterman, A ex McVittie, W. W. Cooper of St. Joseph, Robert King of Lapeer. Joseph Houston of Pontiac, and the Rev. . Il. Sutton directors. Vice-presidents-D. J. Smith of Detroit, Noah W. Cheever of Ann Arbor, Dr. D. W. Rogers of Union City, J. W. stee of Paw Paw, W. C. Edsell of Otsego, James R. Laing of Flint, L. Granger of Armada, S. B. Williams of Saginaw City, W. W. Barcus of Muskegon, O. M. Brown-on of Evart and O. E. Down ing of Ishpaming.

Judge ii. II likey of Constantine, one of Michigan's ablest lawyers, died on the

A mosting was hold at the Baptist church in Dowagiao the other day for the purpose of drawing the color line, but the resolution to compat the co.ored members to sit by themselves was defeated, the colored members voting against the resolution. The church is 40 years old, and has a number of colored members.

The jury in the case of the people vs. Wallace Chapin in the shooting which grew out of the railroad war at Cadillac returned a verdict of not guilty, after one hour of deliberation. The cases against the other Chapins for assault with intent to kill will be dismissed.

The Michigan land and lumber company, limited, have began suits in the United States court in Bay City, against thirteen companies and corporations for injectment to recover land in northern Michigan to the value of \$1,500,000. Plaintiffs claim property under title from the state. Defendants hold under title from the United States.

Dr. Eli Hall, for a quarter of a century a resident of Kalamazoo, is dead. The fire in the Calumet and Hecla mine

is still burning.

Johnnie Greenman, 14 years old, was found dead on the street in Ann Arbor. He died from exposure. The family are in very destitute circumstances.

The Rev. T. W. Haven, the missing min ister of Battle Creek, has been heard from in Berlin. In a recent letter from Germany, he said that while in New York he saw an ocean steamer and felt impelled even against his judgment to go aboard. He says that he is in a strange country under strange circumstances, and asks his mother for advice as to his future move

Southern Michigan and northern Ohio trotting circuit will open season at Three | sait shall go on the free list.

Rivers and second meet at Mendon May 3 with \$500 in purses at each. Next meet ing at Quincy June 1 and season closes at Montpelier, O., week of June 6, with purses at two points of \$750. Hillsdale to make the work-day nine hours. and Adrian have been dropped from circuit because meetings there weren't profirable.

Gratiot county gave \$51 mg ority for ocal option.

The Milwaukee & Northern railroad is to be extended from Champion to Lake .mdon.

pending hearing in the United States ourts at Bay City.

Mitchell & McClure of East Saginaw, nave brought suit in equity in the United States court to quiet the title to their lands and enjoin the Michigan land and umber company from bringing suit for the possession of said lands or to inte fere with the complainants' lumbering nois, Frederick Douglass and others.

John W. Day of Mason, engaged in chopping down a tree on James H. Shafer's farm in Versy town hip the other morning. While walting for it to fall a small sapling, which had been cut before and lodged against the tree, struck Day upon the head. The blow killed him in stantly. His skud was crushed, his neck and back bone broken and other injuries inflicted. An inquest was held and a verdict of accidental death given. Deceased leaves a mother, brother and sister.

Battle Creek sanitarium will open mid dle of next month a school of domestic sconomy, which will afford lectures covering twenty-live weeks on scientific cook ery in all its branches, laundrying, dress making, general housework, household hygiens, personal hygiens, including by genic care of enilsiren and miscelaneou subjects connected with house-keeping that are too manifold to mention here. Diplomas will be given to those who com piete the course satisfactorily. ersons can work their way through with-

t. t. Howell of Grand Rapids is organic ing "clubs" throughout the state to cir cumvent the liquor law. He organizes the "clubs" for \$15 each, and directs his attention particularly against local option

Col. E. Crofton Fox says that number of men in Michigan well enough trained to take the field in case of war is 15,600. Barper's Weekly has written up heroic service of St. Joseph's life-saving crew

during steamer Protection disaster of augatuck in 193. The Michigan pulp company of Nile: has succeeded in making a piece of paste board 61 inches wide and 57 miles long. and did it without a break in the web. This mill is under the supervision of ex-

Representative W. S. Minard, formerly a well known officer of the state militia. The Lehigh Valley has made an alliance with the "Soo" road, and will build two teel cruisers to ply between Buffalo and Madstone, Mich. These will carry coa westward and flour eastward. The alli mee is considered one of the most importint yet made by the new line, as it wil turnish Minneapolis with coal via Glad stone instead of via Duluth, as heretofore.

moved "for cause." Elmer C. Cummer of Cadillac jumped rom a moving engine the other morning and was drawn under the wheels and crushed to death.

Dr. N. H. Way, the physician at the

onia house of correction, has been re-

Mrs. Eliza . Stebbins of Lansing died uddenly a few days ago. She was one o the original workers in the scheme to establish the state reform school for girls at Adrain, now known as the industrial chool for girls, and was appointed a memer of the first board of control of that institution, and has been on the board ever since, never missing a meeting of that orcanization, in whose work she took a deep

and intelligent inte est. Nine years ago Mayor Dongan of Niles ran a needle into his heel. A few days ago it came out at his elbow.

The carcasses of three deer were found on the premies of Asa Atherton near ubbard hase. As a couldn't raise the \$30 to pay his fine, and is now in jail.

| rof. Dewey of the university of Michian has under consideration a call to the Minnesota state university. Gov. Luce delivered an address at the

republican banquet at Columbus, Ohio, e other night. Tuscola, Charlevoix and Osceola coun-

ties decided in favor of local option on the

Mrs. Della Williams, whose abduction from the home of her father. Nathan C. ranch, by her husband and his relatives. and her subsequent recapture by an excited crowd of a illiamston people, formed the basis for the noted Branch-Williams cases at Wijliamston, is dead. Over a week before her death the last trace of intellectual life in the formerly bright and handsome girl vanished and in a con-

he passed away. The dam at Liberty Mills, 14 miles south of Jackson, gave way the other day, doing \$1,000 damage.

dition of total blindness and imbecility

The annual meeting of Michigan shingle manufacturers and wholesale dealers' asociation was held in Grand Rapids reently and officers elected as follows: President, S. Frost, Stanton; vice-president, E. P. Lowis, Grand Rapids; secretary and treasurer, George B. Daniels, Stanton. Report rendered showed stocks on hand : 0,877,000 1 - inch XXX, 5,015,000 16 XXX 41,467,000 Is C. B., 5,015,000 16 C. B. Prospects for the future were declared good, and it was decided to hold firm for \$3.65 XX at the mill for the coming season, although the price was not made binding upon members.

Work will be commenced early in the spring on the Catholic orphan asylum in act for the territories of Dakota, Mon Grand Rapids for which the late John Clancy left by his will \$60,000. A ten- the preparation has been referred to acre tract of laud has been purchased in sub-committee. the northern part of the city. Only a wing of the proposed building will be decided to report favorably the Hatch bill erected at present, to serve until larger to secure a new executive department to original fund will be increased by donations and the asylum, when completed

will represent an investment of \$100,000. Congressman Tarsney, who has been seriously ill in a Washington hospital, is

convalescent. The Bay City public building bill has een favorably reported.

It is reported that a most important decision, affecting Michigan interests, has been reached by the ways and means committee now framing the tariff bill. This is that Michigan's great staples, lumber and

NEWS SUMMARY.

Eight hundred marble cutters in Boston are on a strike because employers refuse

Isrnei Lucas, arrested in Toronto for bringing \$31,643 stolen money into Canada from Ohio, has been discharged from cus tody.

Commissioner Coleman's report regard ing pleuro-pneumonia among cattle in Chicago is declared untrue.

An "optum ring" has been organized in Thirteen suits involving \$1,500,000 are San Francisco. Customs officers report an increase of smuggling. Dakota people deny the reports of whole

sale freezing in that territory during the great bliggard. Services in commemoration of the birth lay of Abraham Lincoln were held in

Cashington on the 12th inst. Addresse. were delivered by Senator Cullom of Illi William Kelly, inventor of the pueumat steel process known as the Bessemer, iel at Lousville, Ky., recently, aged 7 Bessemer applied for letters patent on the process here and in tirent Britian at the

ame time, but Kelly was granted the patent on the ground of priority. He was native of Pennsylvania Small-pox is raging in Mandan, Dakota. Mr , Sarah J. Robinson of Boston, wie illed her son, daughter, nephew, two hu bands and three other persons to obtain usurance money, has been found guilty.

ailed for Europe the other day. At Milton, N. H., recentry, Mrs. Ida Bow us died of starvation, and when her worthless husband. Clarence Bowens, dis vered the fact he hanged himself.

Mrs. : olsom, mother of Mrs. Cleveland

Eight persons were crossing the Missis ippi river at La Reusite, La., when the kiff was sunk by the swells of a passing teamer and six of the party were drowned.

Senator B. K. Bruce was asked hipinion of the proposed Negro exodus to outh America and Liberia. He did not elieve there was anything in it. It was ing pushed by two classes, one honest out without experience, and the other sharpers. He thought the Negroes had etter remain here and be educated to ight their battle at the polls.

Six drunken Hungarians quarreled in ouse at wilkesbarre. Pa. The lamp was verturned, and in an instant the room cas in flames and the clothing of those esent were on fire. Five of the men and ne young girl were roasted to death.

The father of Brooks, the St. Louis mur erer, has arrived from England and is ow with his son. Both men are confient that the governor will grant a par

A cattle train was telescoped near troudsburg. Pa., the other day, and lots of cattle killed. The executive board of the K. of L. have

ordered the striking shoemakers of Cininnati to return to work. There is a split in the anti-poverty soci ty, and Dr. McGlynn and Henry George

are "out." The United States supreme court has endered a decision in the Chinese immi, ration case of the United States vs. Jun. th Lung, brought by appeal from the circuit court of the United States for he district of California. The decision of he lower court, by virtue of which Jung th Lung was discharged from custody on writ of habeas corpus, is affirmed. Opin on by Mr. Justice Elatchford, Justice

Harlan, Field and Lamar dissenting. The hospital at St. Albans, Vt., was gut d by fire the other morning. Two of the rountes were burned to death.

The large hour mins near Winons, Minn. ere destroyed by fire toe other day.

Daniel E. Somes, formerly a member ongress from araine, but for the inst 95 ears a resident of Wasnington, is dead le was one of the original organizers of he republican party and was a strong porter of Fremont in

Henry L. Johnson, chief clerk of the uipment division of the second assist ant's office of the postoffice department, is dead. He was ap, cinted to the post office department in 1851, and with the xception of Judge Laurenson was the dest official in point of service.

The republican state convention of thio will be held in Columbus, April 18-1s. A bill has been introduced in the New ersey legislature providing that the death penalty shall hereafter be inflicted by electricity.

rank Green, a son of Rear Admira Freen of the United States navy, was run ver and killed by the cars near New Or sans the other day,

A special agent of the treasury depart nent has been ent to Watertown, N. Y. to investigate the alleged opium frauds. A company has been incorporated at Washington to establish an electro-auto automatic elevated railway between Baltimore and Washington, which will

carry mail and merchandise between the two cities in ten minutes. President Cleveland has signed theabill removing the political disabilities of Henry H. Marmaduke of Missouri.

Oliver Truett of York, Pa., jealous of his wife, shot her and then committee

nicide. The bonds stolen from the bank in Saco Maine, last August, by Frank McNealy, have been recovered.

The lower house of the Des Moines legislature has passed a bill providing that non-resident aliens holding real estate in lowa shall dispose of it within ten years, but may hold and acres, or city property to the amount of \$10,000; provided such i placed in actual possession of relatives such relative or occupant to become naturalized citizen within ten years.

The house committee on territories has decided to formulate an omnibus enabling tana, Washington and New Mexico, and

The house committee on agriculture ha ecommodations will be needed. The beknown as the department of agriculture The portions relating to a labor bureau i the proposed new department are omitted at the request of the labor committee.

The Hon. C. S. Carey of Olean, N. Y., has been appointed solicitor of the treasury vice Alex. McCue, appointed sub-treasur er at New York.

The bill for the admission of South Da. kota as a state and the one looking to the recognition of North Dakota as a state have been adversely reported to the house The republican state central committee of Minnesota elected the Hon. R. G. Evans,

committee caused by Senator Davis' resig-

The fisheries commissioners have agreed spon and signed a treaty for the settle ment of the difficulties between this gov ernment and Great Britain regarding the North American fisheries. The provisions of the treaty have not been made public

FOREIGN FACTS.

The negotiations for a commercial roaty between France and Italy have cirtually collapsed.

Lansdowne, governor general of Canada will leave Canada in March.

Editor O'Brien was arrested again the ther day, in mistake for Mr. Gilhooly of ork. He was released as soon as the mistake was discovered.

Application will be made to the Domin on parliament next session for an act to ncorporate a joint stock company to instruct a winter railway bridge across the river at Detroit from Windsor, at uch a point as may be most switable and onvenient. The crown prince of Germany is report-

d to be considerably improved since the peration upon his throat on the 11th inst. Notwithstanding the favorable reports that come from liene, the feeling is gener-I that the crown prince of Germany is uffering from cancer, and that there can se but one result-death. The climax may be delayed one, two or possibly three years, but the patient will be a constant ufferer and he will be unable to manage the affairs of the empire should the emperor die in his lifetime. Hussia wants the Bulgarian question

ettied at ouce, and is urging the powers o join her plan. Austrian subjects are being hurried out of Russian Poland without warning.

A LETTER FROM BLAIN

He Says His Name will Not be Pre-sented to the Convention.

Mr. E. F. Jones of Pittsburg, chairman of the national republican committee, has eceived a letter from Mr. Blaine declinng to allow his name to be presented to he national republican convention as a andidate for the presidential nomination.

Mr. Jones, when asked whether Mr. laine's declination would prevent his friends from nominating him anyhow, aid: "As I am chairman of the national ommittee, I do not think it would be proper for me to have anything to say on that embject."

"Do you think Mr. Blaine would accept "I have no authority to speak for Mr. diaine and have no conjectures to offer on the subject. The letter speaks for itself and I must decline to be interviewed on

Mr. Blaine says he is induenced entirely by personal reasons in making this decision, but "cannot make the announcement without giving expression to my deep sense of gratitude to the many thousands of my countrymen who have sustained me so long and so cordially that their feeling has seemed to go beyond the ordi-nary political adherence of fellow parti-sans and to partake somewhat of the nature of persona attachment. For this nost generous loyalty of friendship I can most generous toyalty of friendship? can make no adequate return, but I shall car-ry the memory of it while life lasts." At great length be gives his views of the political situation, and sounds a bugle call that will stir a!" loval republicans.

Five Man conwn Up-An explosion occurred in the packing ouse at Dupont's powder works at Wap wallopen, about 20 miles from Wilker arre, Pa., the other morning. The building was blown to pieces, and five men employed in it were blown to shreds, and

not a trace of them can be found. The explosion was the most violent that ver occurred in the Wyoming valley. the windows in all the buildings in Wilkes-arrs rattle i, and officials in the court couse at Wilkesbarre thought there was an cartinguake, as the building shookvio ently. At anticoke and Wenamie himneys toppled from the roofs of build-ngs, and school children ran in terror ngs, and school children ran in terror from the school howes. Men and women ocked toward the mines, where they thought the explosion had happened, and where the members of their families were at work. At Shiekshany the glass in almost every window was broken, and many persons were thrown to the ground. At Wappellopen nearly every building was damaged or wrecked.

The new Methodist church, over 500 feet away, was torn to pieces. Books weigh

away, was torn to pieces. Books weighing hundreds of pounds were thrown to the top of the mountains, a uniter of a mile sway. upont's loss is on some 35 unidings, but the amount is not known. The cause of the explosion is unknown

DETROIT MARKETS.

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x	\$3005; stockers and feeders,	211	2500	3 50:

cows, bulls and mixed, \$1 75@3 15; Texas cattle, \$2 Mgl.

Hoos-Market steady to strong; mixed, \$5 15cg5 50; heavy, \$5 40c25 80; light, \$5cg \$5 40; skips, \$3 40c65. Snmr-Market steady: natives, \$3 5000 \$5 15; western \$4 4005 1234; Texans, \$36 \$4 25; lambs, \$4 75@6 10.

The first ten miles of the Panama Canal on the Atlantic end is declared open for navigation.

It is possible that Jehn Walter may get a perrage when his London Times is 100 years old, soon.

Minueapolis, to fill vacancy on national

THE QUEEN'S SPEECH.

Victoria Says Coercion Has Been Sat-

The British parliament assembled on the

8th inst. The important parts of the Jucen's address are as follows: Gentlemen of the house of commons estimates for services for 1888 which will be laid before you have been framed with a due regard for economy. You will be asked to provide for the improvement of the defense of the port; and coaling stations rendered urgently necessary by the advances of military science, and also to sanction an arrangement for a special squadron to protect Australasian commerce, the coat of which will be partially borne by the colonies.

The measures which passed ast session for the Lencit of Ireland have been carefully carried into effect during the period since classed. The results of this legislastimutes for services for 1888 which will

since charged. The results of this legisla-tion so far as tested by this short experi-ence is satisfactory. Agrarian crime has diminished and the power of coercive conspiracies has sensitly abated. Meas-ures tending to sevelop the resources of ireland and to facilitate an increase in the number of proprietors of the soil will be inid before you.

Measures will be submitted for dealing with local government in England in

with local government in England in combination with proposals for adjusting the relations between local and imperial finance and for mitigating the burdens

imposed upon rate payers.

The prospects of commerce are more hopeful than any which I have been able to point to in many years. I deeply regret that there has been no corresponding improvement observable in the condition of agriculture. I commend the interest of that great industry to your attentive care, hoping that means may be discovered to enable it to meet more effectively the difficulties under which it labors.

You will be invited to consider legisla-

tive proposals for cheapening the transfer of land, for modyfying the procedure by which the tithe rent charge is collected, for promoting technical education, for preventing undue preference in rate-charged by railway companies on foreign and domestic produce. for remedying and domestic produce, for remedying abuses in the formation of companies under the limited liability act, for amend-ing the law of liability of employers in case of accidents, for improving the posiion of Scottish universities, for regular ing the borough police of Scotland, and for diminishing the cost of private bill

l'arliament ad ourned at once after the

reading of the queen's speech.

The Farneilite memiers of the house held a meeting and expressed sympathy for the sufferers under the crimes act, and extended their thanks to their Inglish supporters. Mr. Farnell and the other officers were re-elected.

Fast Mail Service.

Postmaster-General Dickinson hasenter ed into a new contract with the Chicago Burlington & Quincy railroad company for fast mail service between Chicago and Council Bluffs, to take effe t March 13. The present contract calls for fast mail service on a schedule of sixteen bourwest only six times a week. The new contract is for a daily service both east and west upon a schedule of fourteen and one-half hours, the leaving time at either end to be controlled by the postoffice department. By this arrangement Cali-tornia mail leaving han i rancisco in the evening after business hours and arriving at Council Binds in the afternoon of the third day will there be taken no by the new last train and will reach Chicago in time for the list morning delivery on the fourth day from the Pacific coast. It is the purpose of the department to secure if possible, a fast mail from Chicago east, to leave Chicago on the arrival of the Pacific coast train and to make New York in about twenty-five hours from Chicago and about 112 hours from San Francisco.

Death to creeks.

Much excitement prevail- in Guyaquil. wing to a Spanish priest, temporarily in charge of the bishopric of Guyacuill, hav ng excommunicated the judges of the supreme court. A mob, in which many o the best known citizens of Gnyaquil were prominent, stoned the bishop's palace thence they went to the residence of Dr. evia and threw stones at the building r. Nevia and some frients fired on the erowd. Several persons were killed and wounded before soldiers appeared and restored order. The government's action in defending the church party was the cause of the trouble which, it is belived will be more serious in its consequences. The populace gutted the residence of the tishop to the cry of "seath to the priests, although the streets were being

vestigation as to wa was responsible for the deaths caused by the fire of the police.

parolled. uset was however, temporarily re-tored when it be sme known that orders had been received to hold strict in

An Increase and Decrease, The February statistical report of the department of agriculture relates to numers and values of farm an mals. There is a reported increase in horses, males and attle and a decrease in sheep and swine. The largest rate of increase is in horses, per cent, and it is general throughout th country, though largest west of the Missis sippi. The aggregate exceeds 13,000,000. The increase in mues averages 31s per cent. The increase in cattle is 23s. It makes the aggre, ate over 4,000,000. The makes the aggre, ate over 42,000,000. The increase is nearly as large in milch cows as in other cattle. In sheep the decline appears to be between 2 and 3 per cent, the aggregate o Socks being about 43,00,000. There is a smaller decline in number of swine, less than 1 per cent, leaving the aggregate over 4,000,000. The aggregate value of all farm animals is \$5,000,000 more

than a year ago The De . ansed.

As a Reed avenue street car, filled with people, was passing under a large derrick used in erecting the elevated railway structure on Broadway, near Sumner avenue, Brooklyn, New York, the other morning, the ropes gave way and the derrick fell on the car, crushing it in like an eggshell. Seventeen of the passengers on the car were injured and four people were billed.

Four of the wounded people are likely to die. The accident was caused by a to-tal collapse of the derrick which, it is said, was made to raise too great a weight, by careless managers, and it came down with a terrible thui, that made mincomest out of the unfortunate beings under its way in

The coal mines near Grand Ledge, owned by H. J. Stark, are putting out from 70 to 10 tons of coat per week. It will be necessary to increase the laboring force to be able to keep pace with the rapidly in-

creasing demand.

About 15,030 pounds of peppermint oil have been bought thus far by local dealers at Mendon, but the bulk of the crop of 1887 is still held by the growers for higher prices. The oil has ranged in price from \$1.40 to \$1.90 per pound; \$1.65 per pound is now the general price.

The Michigan gold company of Ishpeming, which suspended work on its operations in the vicinity of that city, has a dispute on hand as to the possession of

CONGRESSIONAL SUUMARY.

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Francisco a Senate.—A vote having been taken in secret session that further consideration of the british extradition treaty be postponed until next becember, Mr. Riddleber ser's motion that the treaty be considered in open session was with drawn. The remainder of the session was occupied in the discussion of appropriations for public buildings.

House.—Mr. Tarsney of Michigan, from the committee on labor, reported the bill for the adjustment of amounts of laborers arising under the eight-hour aw. Committee of the whole. Mr. Nutting of New York offered a resolution reciting the resolutions adopted at a convention of seamen in Toledo, O., in January last, denouncing the over-loading of vessels on the great lakes and calling upon the secretary of the treasury for information as to whether there is any rule, order or regulation of the department the enforcement of which would prevent such over-loading Referred. Mr. Nutting also introduced a bill to prevent the over-loading Referred. Mr. Nutting also introduced a bill to prevent the over-loading deferred. The bill requiring the suisidized railways to maintain and operate telegraph lines was taken up. After discussing pro and con, the matter went over and the discussion will probably be resumed on Saturday, and the linuse adjourned.

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Frame any 10, House, —Discussion of the resolution directing the Postmaster-General to inquire into and inform the house eral to inquire into and inform the house of the cause and the foundation for the grievances complained of in a Kansas newspaper regarding the western mail service and also to inform the house whether the almost universal complaint prevailing in the west against the present unsatisfactory mail service results from the employment of inexperienced and incapable employes or insufficient appropriations, occupied the attention of the house during the session. The resolution was adopted after the adoption of an amendment inserting the word alleged before the word complaint. fore the word complaint.

Franklant 18, S'NATE. A petition was pre-sented for the forfeiture of the Marquette, superior & Ontonagon hairoad and grant in Michigan. The tollowing bills were introduced and referred. By Mr. Vortices, to increase the pensions of those who have lost a limb or two hads ar loth eyes: by Mr. Fratt, to pay \$7, 51 for the passage of General Lafayette and his family from I rance to the United States as guests of the nation in 182; by Mr. Turne chy requests to grant service pensions in the army and navy; by Mr. Veat, to fix the number of documents to be printed by congress, and known as "the number of certain documents to be printed. This lest was referred to the committee on printing. The remainder of the sees on was devoted to the consideration of the Blair educational bill.

tional bill.

11. - 2. - Among the bills introduced in the house to-day were the following: By Mr. Stenther of Wisconsin: To regulate telegraph companies. By Mr. Brewer of Michigan: Providing for the construction of public buildings by centract. By Mr. Sckinney of New Hampshire: To prevent pensioners from neglecting to support their Ismilies and squandering their pensions. The house proceeded to the consideration of business pertaining to the district of Columbia. The first bill called up was one puni-bing the advertising of lottery tickets in the District of Columbia. After some discussion, mainly in opposition, the bill was referred to the committee on udictary. Bills were passed to prohibit any person in Washington or Georgetown from making books or pools on the result of any races or of any game of base ball. Mr. Chipman of Michigan, from the committee on foreign afgam, from the committee on foreign af-fairs, reported the resolution calling upon the treasury department for information relative to the refusal of the Canadian authorities to allow American wrecking vessels to assist American vessels when in distress in Canadian canals or waters,

FEBRUARY 14, SENATE.—A resolution was agreed to instructing the commerce committee in reporting the river and harbor cill to outline the facts bearing upon each item. The resolution directing an inquiry into the cause of had mail service was discussed but not acted upon, and the idair educational bill was considered for a time, Mr. Hawley of Connecticut speaking in opposition to t. At the conc usion of Mr. Hawley's speech the bill went over. A till was passed for the relief of David L. is almard and eighteen others of the nited States army, who were in the reely expedition in the Arctic regions as commutation for fuel and quarters. The bill to provide for the compulsory education of women and children was taken from the calendar and discussed, but without disposing of it the senate went into secret session and at 4:40 advoursed.

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house—A joint resolution was passed appropriating \$65,000 for the printing of \$5,000 for the printing of \$5,000 copies of an executive document on the subject of cattle and dairy products. During the debate on this resolution Mr. Martin of Texas, who obtained notoriety on his arrival in Washington in December by being accused in a local paper of having blown out the gas in his room on going to bed, made his maiden speech. Although he was unrecognized by the chair and the gravel fell all through his remarks with great emphasis, he succeeding in stating gravei feli all through his remarks with great emphasis, he succeeding in stating amid great applause that ever farmer in this country should have a copy of the document. Mr. homeis of Ohio offered a resolution calling on the commissioner of agriculture for his reasons for withholding information regarding the analysis of certain samples of heer; referred. Mr. O'Neill of Missouri, from the committee on labor, reported bills to protect mechanics, laborers and servants in their wages and to prevent the employment of onlisted men in competition with civilians; wages and to prevent the employment of enlisted men in competition with civilians; committee of the whole. Mr. Burnett of Massachuset's, from the committee on labor, reported adversely the bill to provide for the licensing of railway conductors; laid on the table. The resignation of Mr. Cox of New York from the committee on territories and the appointment of Mr. Taulbee to fill the vacancy was announced. The house them went into committee of the whole on the Urgent Deficiency bill and without action adjourned.

Ferritary 15, Senate—Mr. Beck introduced a bill to reimburse the states for interest paid on moneys expended in raising troops for the war of the rebellion. Referred. Consideration of the Blair educational bill was then resumed. Mr. Hale spoke in opposition to the bill, basing his argument mainly upon the expressed opinions of prominent educators that the bill would not accomplish the object aimed at. Mr. Hale was followed by Messrs. Morgan, Buller, Call and Saulsbury, each of whom spoke very briefly. Mr. Blair closed the debate and summed up the arguments in favor of the bill. A

are the arguments in favor of the bill. A vote was taken, and the bill passed, the vote standing 39 to 29.

House—The house went into committee of the whole and devoted the entire session to the discussion of the urgent defi-

Feeling the Burden.

The British government is opening its eves to the fact that the drafts upon the treasury by the royal family are growing inordinately large and constantly increasing, and a committee will be appointed at Mr. Gladstone's suggestion to make secondary provisions for this indigent family. It is certain that parliament will not undertake to semant the secondary products and the secondary provisions for this indigent family. dertake to support any more of the queen's family beyond the children of the prince of Wale-

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President Corbin of the Reading railroad has answered the letter from the knights of labor, suggesting arbitration. He says the property. It is stated that the ore assays \$305.28 to the ton. This increases the interest in the law suit pending in the matter of who owns the property.

The Jackson city water supply is to be cut off from the state's prison.

The says that of the courteous but very determined manner, that the question of arbitrating the railroad strike cannot be considered, but that if the miners will return to work any grievances they have will be fully and fairlier and the company's hands, and if there is anything to arbitrate such a course would be adopted.